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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the Examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend said application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 79-86 without prejudice, and add new claims 87-94 as follows:

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A system for reading code symbols comprising:

(A) a plurality of code symbol reading devices, each said code symbol reading device including

a scanning mechanism for automatically scanning a code symbol on an object,

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